

isolating said mutant high alkaline protease from a culture broth or cell lysate of alkalophilic *Bacillus* strain host cells wherein said cells are substantially incapable of reversion and have no detectable indigenous extracellular protease as a result of deletion of the gene for indigenous extracellular protease and wherein said cells produce a mutant high alkaline protease as a result of transformation of said cells or predecessor cells with an expression cassette providing for expression of said mutant high alkaline protease in said host cells.

31. The method according to Claim 30, wherein untransformed parent cells of said alkalophilic *Bacillus* strain host cells are *Bacillus novo* species PB92 strain cells or a derivative species thereof.

32. The method according to Claim 30, wherein untransformed parent cells of said alkalophilic *Bacillus* strain host cells are asporogenic.

33. The method according to Claim 30 wherein said alkalophilic *Bacillus* strain host cells are substantially free of untransformed parent cells.--.

REMARKS

Amendments

New Claims 30-33 have been added. These new claims find support on page 14, line 26 through page 15, line 8, and in the Claims as filed. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter them.